

10590 to 10597. DIOSCOREA spp. and XANTHOSOMA spp.**Yam and yautia.**

From San Juan, P. R. Presented by Miss Jenny H. Ericson. Received April 19, 1904.

A collection of Porto Rico yams and yautias not identified botanically. Yam culture in the West Indies is one of the most profitable small-plant industries. The botanical nomenclature of the various species is an important question.

10598 to 10614.

From Askhabad, Trans-Caspian territory, Turkestan. Secured by E. A. Bessey from Mr. A. Bashmakoff. Received April 22, 1904.

A collection of seeds and cuttings as follows:

10598 to 10609. VITIS VINIFERA.**Grape.****10598. Kara Kischmisch, Shiburgani, or Black Kishmish.**

Berry elongated oval, violet black, seedless, small, very sweet, producing a good red wine and also best *Black Kishmish* raisins; ripens in August.

10599. Hussein Kara, or Black Hussein.

Differs from No. 10604 in its black color; ripens in July.

10600. Halili ak, or White Khalili.

Berry oval, conical, small, green covered with black dots, hard, of average taste; one of the earliest Asiatic sorts; ripens about the middle of June.

10601. Daria.

Berry spherical, or sometimes slightly elongated. Dark carmine with yellowish spots, sweet; a very early sort; ripens at Bairam Ali about the middle of June.

10602. Bagishty.

Berry large, spherical, very sweet, golden when ripe. This sort is good for table use and for jelly, etc.; is also a wine variety; ripens early in September.

10603. Taiji.

Berry elongated oval, obtuse at the apex, greenish color covered with dark carmine streaks and bloom, sweet; flesh very compact; when hung from the ceiling of a cool room it keeps the whole winter; has no superior for preserves and marmalade; ripens the middle of September.

10604. Hussein ak, or White Hussein.

Berry white, at the time of ripening wax-colored, long, very sweet and juicy; the best table sort; ripens in June and July. (See No. 10290.)

10605. Sahibi rosa, or Rosa Sakhabi. (See No. 10305.)**10606. Schokar ak, or White Shokar.****10607. Shiburchani, or Shiburkhani.****10608. Wassarya, or Vasarga.**

Berry large, compressed, spherical, with one or two furrows at the stalk, at maturity golden color, giving a good table wine; also good for making raisins.

10609. Maska.

Berry white, spherical, sometimes elongated, very large, reaching the size of a plum; used for the preparation of the best sorts of raisins; also for preserves; one of the most showy of the Central Asiatic sorts; ripens in July.

10610. PHASEOLUS RADIATUS.**Mung bean.**

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